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BIRTHS.

On the 17th October, at 33, Myddleton-square, E.C., the wife of EDWARD JEFFRIES, of a son.

On the 18th October, at "Glyndale," 128, Abbey-road, N.W., the wife of ALFRED A. MOORE, of a son.—No cards.

On the 18th October, the wife of MAX EMANUEL, of 115, Queen's Road, Finsbury Park, of a son.

On the 19th October, at 128, Prince's-road, Liverpool, the wife of HENRY L. STERN, of a son.

On the 20th October, at 60, Warwick-road, Maida vale, the wife of FALLECK C. MALLAN, of a daughter.

On the 23rd October, at 1, Walter-terrace, Swansea, the wife of HYAM GOLDBERG, of a daughter.

On the 23rd October, at Claremont, Sefton Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, the wife of LOUIS SOLOMON, of a daughter.

On the 23rd October, at 28, Beech-street, Barbican, E.C., the wife of LEWIS SOLOMON, of a daughter.

On the 24th October, at Sheldon-road, Nether Edge, Sheffield, the wife of MAURICE BAUM, of a son.

On Sunday, October 24th, at 32, Bancroft-road, Mile End, the wife of CHARLES LAZARUS, of a son.

On the 26th October, at 84, Ecclesall-road, Sheffield, the wife of HENRY CHAPMAN, of a son.

On the 26th October, at 13, Greville-place, N.W., the wife of S. A. ARONSON, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 12th September, at the Synagogue, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, S.A., by the Rabbi Henry Joseph, MOSS MONTAGUE, fourth son of EMANUEL FREDERICK MOSES, late of Swansea, to MARIA, daughter of Mr. JACOBS, Lima, Peru.

On the 26th October, at Brondesbury Villa West, by the Rev. Dr. Hermann Adler, assisted by the Rev. P. Phillips, LENNA, youngest daughter of H. J. SEEFIELD, Esq., to MICHAEL, second son of EDWARD JACOBS, Esq., 31, Gower-street, Bedford-square.

On the 27th October, at the Synagogue, St. Petersburgh-place, Bayswater, by the Rev. S. Singer, assisted by the Rev. M. Haines, FREDERICK H. HARVEY SAMUEL to FLORENCE, third daughter of DANIEL DE PASS, of Oaklands, Maresfield-gardens, Hampstead.—Australian and Cape papers please copy.

On the 27th October, at the residence of the bride's sister, 24, Fordingley-road St. Peter's-park, W., by the Rev. Dr. H. Adler, Delegate Chief Rabbi, assisted by the Revs. I. Samuel and R. Harris, LIZZIE, youngest daughter of the late MORRIS MYERS, formerly of Lion House, Shore-road, Hackney, to SAUL VALENTINE, of 47, Horsford-road, Brixton hill, S.W.

On the 27th October, at the residence of Isaac Davis, Esq., 35, Compton-terrace, Highbury, by the Rev. V. Rosenstein, P. J. NATHAN, of 47, Litchfield-road, Bow, to ROSETTA, youngest daughter of the late J. LEVY, of Liverpool.

DEATHS.

On the 10th September, at Beaconsfield Diamond Fields, South Africa, ABRAHAM, the dearly beloved child of HENRY and PHOEBE HYAMS, aged 4 years and 10 months. May his dear soul rest in peace! On the 16th September, her birthday, JULIA, the dearly beloved child of HENRY and PHOEBE HYAMS, aged 2 years. May her dear soul rest in peace!

On the 4th October, at the residence of his brother, 607, Sacramento-street, San Francisco, California, MARK, the dearly beloved son of ELIZABETH and the late PHILLIP LEVY, aged 44. The beloved brother of Mr. Joshua Levy, of 344, Mile End-road, E., Mr. Henry Levy, 15, Newcastle-street, E., Mrs. I. Abrahams, 16, Newcastle-street, E., Mrs. B. Hart, 298, Mare-street, Hackney, and Mrs. L. Hart, Tenter House, St. Mark-street. May his soul rest in peace!—New Zealand papers please copy.

On Sunday, 17th October, at Brighton, RALPH B. J. COHEN (son of Sarah Cohen, late of High-street, Sheffield), Lieutenant 1st West Indian Regiment, aged 25.—Shiva at 23, Brunswick-street, Cheetham, Manchester.

On the 18th October, at Gibraltar, after a short illness, HILLEL HARRIS, late of Madrid, in his 44th year. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing wife. May his soul rest in peace!

On the 19th October, at Gibraltar, BIDI ARBIB, sister of JOSEPH ARBIB, of Covent Garden, London, aged 76. Deeply mourned. God rest her soul!

DEATHS.

On the 20th October, MARK COLLINS, of 44, Lower Marsh, Lambeth, aged 57. Deeply lamented by his sorrowing wife and children. God rest his soul in peace!—Australian and New Zealand papers please copy.

On the 21st October, at 44, Rectory-square, Mile End (Edward), ELIAS BOSS, brother of Mr. Mark Boss, of 25, Fitzroy-square. Greatly lamented. May his soul rest in peace!

On the 22nd October, at his residence, 189, Portsdown-road, Maida-vale, RAPHAEL GOODMAN, aged 32, beloved son of Joseph Goodman, of Merthyr Tydvil. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing wife, father, brothers and sisters.—Cape and Australian papers please copy.

On the 23rd October, SARAH, the wife of Alderman S. M. EMANUEL, J.P., West Park, Southampton, in the 79th year of her age, surviving her golden wedding three years.

On the 24th October, in her 77th year, REBECCA, the beloved wife of JOSEPH BARROW MONTEFIORE, of 36, Kensington-gardens-square, W.

On the 25th October, RALPH HENRY SAMUEL, of 2, Canning-street, Liverpool, in his 78th year.

On the 25th October, at 5, Walterton-road, St. Peter's-park, Bayswater, the Rev. A. BARNETT, for 43 years Minister of the New Synagogue, Great St. Helen's, aged 80 years. Deeply lamented.—ת.נ.צ.ב.ה.—Australian and American papers please copy.

On the 27th October, 1885, at his residence, 30, Upper Bedford-place, Russell-square, MARK JOSEPH, in his 60th year. Sincerely mourned by his wife and children. (In loving memory).

MRS. LEWIS HART, of Tenter House, Tenter-ground, Goodman's fields, returns THANKS for visits, letters, and cards received during her week of mourning for her late lamented brother, Mark Levy, of San Francisco.

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Dated the 22nd day of October, 1886.

LIONEL ALFRED CRICHTON.

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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The issue of an anti-Semitic placard in Dublin is of too insignificant a character to deserve serious notice. But it breaks the proud monopoly that Ireland has hitherto possessed of being the only country which has never been unfair to Jews. The local press, headed by the *Freeman's Journal*, has fortunately taken a just and generous attitude upon the subject, and has treated the placard with the contemptuous indignation which it deserves. The generous enthusiasm of the Celt for the ideal gives us every confidence that the claims of justice will not be disregarded in the case of Irish Jews at a moment when other claims are being urged on the notice of the world.

On Sunday, November 7th, the new session of the Jews' College Literary Society will be opened by Dr. Neubauer, of Oxford, with a Paper on "The Jewish Sects." The list of lecturers who have already undertaken to contribute papers during the session includes the names of most of our prominent scholars and men of letters, and the fare offered will be sufficiently varied to suit all tastes. It is to be hoped that the general public, which gathered in considerable force at last year's meetings, will maintain its interest in the subject of Hebrew Literature. We have little doubt that this hope will be more than realized. The Anglo-Jewish public has never before had so regular and, on the whole, so excellent a means of hearing lectures on Jewish literary and philosophical topics, and we shall be much surprised if full use is not made of the present favourable opportunity.

The notorious Jew-hating journal *par excellence* in Russia, the *Nowoje Wremja* of St. Petersburg, lately hatched a sensational canard in declaring "La France Juive" to be the collective production of several of the most notable authors in France. Among the secret collaborators of M. Drumont the *Nowoje Wremja* named the realistic novelist, M. Emile Zola, and as this writer is well known in Russia the allegation attracted considerable notice. A well known Jewish lawyer in Kiew thereupon wrote to M. Zola, putting the question point-blank whether the insinuation of the St. Petersburg newspaper was true, and in reply received a most emphatic denial from the Parisian author. "All my writings," said M. Zola, "suffice to refute my co-operation in a work, whose form, considerations and tendencies I altogether condemn."

The complaints made—which we believe to be greatly exaggerated—respecting discourtesy shown to visitors at the Berkeley Street Synagogue will have a satisfactory result if they lead to the provision of supplementary accommodation for divine worship at the West End during the High Festivals. Such temporary provision for strangers and even residents appears to be required. The permanent synagogues are overcrowded and many persons are unable to gain admission to a place of worship on the days held sacred even by the least earnest Jew. The claims of the poor also should be regarded. At the St. Petersburgh Place Synagogue there are free seats but there are not any at the other synagogues except for the "Minyan Men," and even the seats of these are "exploited" to increase the revenue. In the City and East End there is plenty of accommodation for the poor—the Free School alone has its thousands of worshippers—and for the working man there is the Hebra. But in the West it is erroneously supposed that all Jewish residents can afford to rent a seat in a synagogue. The children, too, deserve more consideration than a few rout seats in gangways.

The recently deceased Intendant General of the Royal Theatres in Berlin, Herr von Hulsen, deserves a tribute of recognition at the hands of the Jewish body. At the time when anti-Semitism began to rear its head in the German capital, Herr von Hulsen frequently expressed his condemnation of the scandalous proceedings of Stöcker and his associates. When later the Judenhetze was in full swing, the Intendant General retorted by producing "Nathan der Weise," and this masterpiece of Lessing was performed so frequently that the theatre-going public perceived in the selection of the play a protest against the dissemination of racial and religious hatred. That Herr von Hulsen converted the stage into a pulpit, from which Lessing's eloquent doctrines were preached with telling effect, whilst a Court Chaplain was poisoning the minds of the masses with anti-Jewish teachings, was an event which should not be left unnoticed, now that the man who gave the example of toleration is no more.

Freemasonry.—The regular meeting of the Lodge of Israel (No. 205) was held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Tuesday, Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg, W.M., in the chair. After the usual Masonic business, a sum of five guineas was voted as a donation to the St. George's Hospital, in remembrance of the late Bro. M. Fischer who recently met with an accident while travelling on the Underground Railway, and whose case received such kind attention from the hospital authorities. A sum of twenty guineas was voted, to present Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., with a testimonial in appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge as Secretary for a period of ten years. The sanction of the Lodge was obtained to apply to Grand Lodge for a Dispensation for the brethren to wear masonic clothing at the ensuing Ball (in aid of the Benevolent Fund) in January next.

Jewish Working Men's Club.—On Monday the annual meeting of the Debating Society in connection with the Club was held at the Institute, Mr. Henry Davis, President, in the chair. The Chairman referred to the wide scope which the discussions had taken, and called attention to the fact that it was intended in the future to make a special feature of impromptu debates on "Events of the Week." Several suggestions were made concerning the management of the society, and votes of thanks were passed to the honorary officers and the chair.

Mr. Henry Russell, the veteran composer, has set to music a patriotic song, "Our Empress Queen," written by Mr. Clement Scott, in anticipation of the coming Jubilee of Her Majesty,

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THE ANGLO JEWISH ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JEWISH CHRONICLE."

Sir,—While thanking you for your able and sympathetic article on the Anglo-Jewish Association in your last issue, I should be glad if you would allow me to express my dissent from your views on one important point.

You seem to consider that the present unsatisfactory financial position of the institution is partly or principally owing to the establishment of the Educational Fund. So far as regards the Manchester Branch over which I have the honour to preside, though our collection already amounts to nearly a thousand pounds, instead, of diminishing our income it has been the means of procuring a number of additional annual subscribers to the General Funds.

The idea of our Educational Fund was first mooted, owing to the utter inadequacy of the ordinary income to the necessary work especially after the declaration of the Alliance Israélite, that they could not for some years open more schools—although thousands of poor Jewish children in the East are still deprived of the blessings of education.

One member of the Alliance (Baron de Hirsch) has founded a similar fund in Paris and endowed it with a million francs.

Shall it be said that the whole Jewish community of the greatest Empire in the world is unable to raise a fourth of this amount for the noblest work which religion and civilisation alike enjoin?

Yours obediently, E. M. Henriques.

Broughton Park, Manchester,
October 24th, 1886.

THE FINANCES OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JEWISH CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Mr. Samuel Montagu refused to act on the Committee elected by the Council to propose a scheme for the re-arrangement of the Finances of the United Synagogue. For this he is much to be blamed, and it is a matter of universa regret; it was a palpable blunder, besides being a breach of faith of the Executive Committee in not adding to their number the names of men qualified to represen the interests of the City and East End Synagogues. The words "power to add to the number of the Select Committee," were for this especial purpose only, whereas the name of Mr. Algernon Sydney was only added. The people of East London consider this unfair and unjust to them, and as their representative I ask you to insert this letter in your valuable paper because I was unable, through illness, to attend the last Council meeting and put in a protest against their action. I have used similar arguments to my friend Mr. Montagu, namely, that the City and East End Synagogues should be taxed at a lower rate for communal purposes than the wealthy West End Synagogues; this would enable the East End and City Synagogues, first, to pay their outgoings, secondly, it would enable the Executive of the synagogues to employ higher class Readers, and what is most essential, a Preacher. In the interest and future welfare of the people and of the East London Synagogue I most earnestly point out that if the best sort of Readers and Preachers are necessary to the West End worshippers, surely they are needed more at the East London Synagogues. And lastly, I must point out that under the present scheme the deficits of five of the synagogues will increase, and then the Council will enforce the clause enabling them to close any synagogue which cannot pay its way, thus making the richer synagogues more wealthy because the interest of the value of the property will lighten their burdens, which will assist but little the synagogues with diminished incomes.

Yours obediently, M Davis.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JEWISH CHRONICLE."

Sir,—As one of the most active critics of the scheme for the Union of the Synagogue in 1867 which I supported from the Liberal point of view, and as I still retain an active interest in Jewish racial matters, although I have still further receded from the dogmatic standpoint of the Jewish authorities, I claim my right to join in the fray resulting from the recent meeting to consider an amended scheme. In the first place I do not feel interested in the financial part of the scheme, although many Jewish freethinkers contribute liberally to the support of the synagogue. Religion and finance are irreconcileable terms and therefore I will leave finance to Lord Rothschild. What I wish to draw particular attention to is that in the heated discussions in which party feeling seems to have taken the place of communal interest some of the end resolutions were not discussed at all such as that peculiar one which stated "That the synagogue authorities might charge the wives, mothers or sisters of persons who are not members of the synagogues a larger seat rental than the ordinary rate."

I rent a seat in a synagogue which I never occupy, as I feel a distaste for our supernatural and irrational ritual, but if this regulation is to be carried out I should be inclined to put it to the test by giving up my seat.

As a matter of expediency it stands self condemned and ranks with the persecution which drove Spinoza from the Amsterdam Synagogue, Disraeli from the Spanish and Portuguese, De Worms from the Anglo-Jewish Association, and the edict of the Spanish and Portuguese authorities when they refused to relieve paupers who did not attend synagogue.

As there are now some hundreds of Jewish Freethinkers seatholders who feel inclined to remain of the synagogue though not in it, surely the time has arrived when they should be dealt with in a purely ethical and charitable spirit, and I am quite sure that this is the matter which demands the attention of the Council of the United Synagogue after they have finished squabbling over the finances.

Yours obediently, Jewish Freethinker.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JEWISH CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Will you permit me to inform your correspondent "D. A. L." that the scheme for giving employment to some of the Jewish poor has by no means been abandoned and that steps are now being taken with a view to giving it practical shape. "D. A. L." has surely overlooked my letter published in your issue of the

10th September, in which I invited suggestions, and to which my address was appended.

Any communication on the subject that he or any of your readers may favour me with will be welcomed, and shall receive all possible attention.

Yours obediently, FRANCES A. JOSEPH.

Melrose, 9, Canfield Gardens, Finchley Road, N.W.
October 24th, 1886.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JEWISH CHRONICLE."

SIR,—I would earnestly solicit your kindness in finding a place in your valuable journal for the following reply to your correspondent "D. A. L.," respecting the "Employment of the Poor."

A few weeks ago I also read the particulars referred to, and I wrote to the lady that I could show in what manner the industrious poor could obtain constant employment remunerative to themselves and permanently carrying out the wishes of the anonymous philanthropist, and I requested the favour of a visit to prove it.

I have felt great surprise at not receiving any answer. I now make this public offer, and am prepared to show the means of its accomplishment to any gentleman who will favour me with a call.

Yours obediently, HENRY HARRIS.

154, Balls Pond Road, Islington. October 26th, 5647—1886.

THE ANGLO-JEWISH HISTORICAL EXHIBITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JEWISH CHRONICLE."

SIR,—It should be a proud moment for our Jewish fellow countrymen when the Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition will be opened with a display of objects interesting to every intelligent Englishman and Englishwoman. If the organisers of the Exhibition succeed in getting together objects of commanding interest, they will earn a full meed of thanks for their faithful self-denying exertions. But if they fail, the exhibition, after being visited by a few persons who have special hobbies, will become a miserable exposure. Failure must stare into the face of the promoters of the Exhibition, if works of Anglo-Jewish art should not be of a high character either from a historical or from an æsthetical point of view.

Allow me to ask through your columns whether the Committee have convinced themselves already that the intended Exhibition will do justice to high expectations? If so, let them publicly announce the certainty that the treasures which will be entrusted to them are sufficient to form an estimate of fair success. If, on the contrary, the Committee have not to exhibit numerous items of attractive Anglo-Jewish objects, let them modify their plans and adopt a larger scheme at which exhibits of various religious denominations shall stand side by side of each other. In this case a fiasco would be impossible, and if there should be financial profits they might be devoted to swell the income of societies which seek to provide the poorer classes with judiciously managed recreations.

Yours obediently, PRO BONO PUBLICO.

October 25th, 1886.

THE BERKELEY STREET SYNAGOGUE.—To the Editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*.—Sir,—Beyond making two slight additions to the plain and unvarnished statement of events which you kindly published on the 15th inst., I do not intend to trouble you further in the matter. In the first place I did not make any attempt whatsoever, to force my way into the synagogue, further, the incident took place before 10 o'clock in the morning, and not during the time when the sermon was being delivered, as your correspondent imagines. Having no desire to enter into a correspondence with "A Member of Berkeley Street," I will not notice his rather ungentlemanly remarks or follow him in his advocacy of the wholesale exclusion of coreligionists who, for one reason or another, have not a seat in a particular synagogue.—Yours obediently, CIVILITY.—[This correspondence should now cease.]

WEST AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent writes: A Jewish family named Mandelstamm are about to emigrate to Fremantle, West Australia, where some of their relatives and other Jewish families are already settled. Mr. Mandlestamm has learnt *shechita* so that these pioneers might have *kosher* food. On the facts becoming known to the Rev. S. Singer, it appeared to him that a movement of this kind should be heartily encouraged, and at his request Mr. J. Sebag Montefiore presented to the embryo congregation a magnificent *sepher* written in Wilna, which had formerly belonged to Sir Moses Montefiore and the last words of which had been written by Mr. Sebag Montefiore. The Scroll will be forwarded to Fremantle in a few days.

A QUERY.—To the Editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*.—SIR,—Will any of your readers explain why ויהי נעם and ואתה קדוש are omitted from the service on מוצאי שבת when a festival occurs in the ensuing week? Also why the 7th day of Tabernacles is called הושענה רבא, and is looked upon somewhat as a "day of atonement"?—Yours obediently, A.

THE LATE BARON ROTHSCHILD OF FRANKFORT.

The property left by the late Baron Carl von Rothschild is estimated by the German papers at twenty-five millions sterling. His magnificent art collection will eventually find a home in England, as after the death of his widow it will then pass into the hands of his son-in-law, Lord Rothschild.

The entire financial world of Frankfort was present at the funeral of the Baron, and followed the hearse and the mourning coaches in 54 carriages. In accordance with the wish of the deceased, no oration was delivered at the grave, which adjoins that of his daughter, Clementina. The Emperor forwarded a wreath, which was placed on the coffin.

It is rumoured that Baron Willy von Rothschild will not alone conduct the business of the Frankfort house, and that another member of the family will enter the firm. Baron Arthur de Rothschild, now residing in Paris, a son of the late Baron Nathaniel, is spoken of as the new partner.

In consequence of the death of Baron von Rothschild, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild did not run his horses this week at Newmarket.

"HELPING HAND PENSION SOCIETY FOR INCURABLES.—A general meeting of the members of this Society was held on Monday evening last at 49, Mansell Street; Mr. M. Van Staveren, Vice-President in the Chair. Prior to the commencement of the ordinary business, a vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late President of the Society, Mr. S. G. Risch. Four pensioners were elected to receive the bounty of the Society, (5s. per week) for six months. Mr. M. Bosman was elected President for the ensuing year; Mr. M. Van Staveren was re-elected Vice President and Mr. M. Roos, Treasurer. The Auditors, and Committee with slight alterations were re-elected; Mr. M. Fox, was elected a Trustee of the Society in the place of Mr Bierman, resigned.

MALICIOUS ATTACK ON JEWS IN DUBLIN.

During the past week the Jews of Dublin have been much concerned at the publication of an inflammatory poster against the foreign Jews lately settled in that city. Some violent letters have also appeared in the *Freeman's Journal* and the *Evening Telegraph*. It is not supposed that any considerable number of Dublin citizens sympathise with the movement, which is generally condemned.

The attention of the authorities has been directed to the circumstances and they will no doubt take energetic steps to prevent any outrages upon the Jews as the result of the posters, large numbers of which are being daily placarded. The Jews are advised to avoid any retaliatory measures so as to minimise as much as possible the importance of the incident. This involves forbearance as some foreign Jews have been assaulted.

"R. B." writes:—I think it my duty to acquaint the readers of your valuable journal of the proceedings of the people in Dublin at present, in connection with the Jews; there are at present a number of posters issued, and posted on every available vacant space, they are printed in large letters, calling on the people of Ireland not to have any dealings with Jews and to drive them from Ireland. I think it would be only right for the Board of Deputies, or any other influential body, to interest themselves in the matter. A deputation has waited on the Lord Mayor, who kindly promised to do all in his power to stop the disgraceful business, but unfortunately his power does not enable him to do so. I trust that the persons I alluded to will immediately do all in their power to stop this matter going any further as it may lead to great disturbances.

The following is a copy of the Poster referred to:

INVASION OF IRELAND
BY
GERMAN JEWS, ORGAN GRINDERS, AND STREET MUSICIANS.

All calling themselves Austrians, Frenchmen, and persecuted Poles, for the purpose of deceiving and to gain our sympathy. They are hunted from Russia and other countries for being a scourge and a ruin to every business by every unprincipled means they can adopt. Now, Irishmen, ask yourselves is it possible for these Jews and strangers to be allowed to come in their thousands to this poor country and scourge it also? Already they are hawking all kinds of foreign-made rubbish and charging most exorbitant prices for it, and to induce the people to buy they take payments by weekly instalments, thereby making it easy to charge what price they like. They have the advantage over our shopkeepers who pay high rents, high taxes, income tax, and the support of our charitable institutions, hospitals, schools, and many other things—in fact, scarcely a day passes without some call being made upon them. Jews and strangers give no thing. Now, is it possible that we are going to allow Jews and strangers of other countries to come, in their thousands and make money upon a hard-working people, many of whom are compelled to leave their country for America or Australia, and when they go it is not to hawk foreign-made rubbish, but to work and earn their bread honestly by the sweat of their brow. The leading men and all men should use every means in their power to stop this crying evil. We call upon every Irishman and woman to buy from their own countrymen only, and if that be done we will soon ruin the Jews and strangers as Russia has done. When they were not good for Russia, they are certainly not good for Ireland. We call upon all tradesmen and their wives, by showing them the harm they do by encouraging hawking Jews, who are the ruin of every man's business. We sincerely hope the people will all do their duty from this day until the last Jew leaves our shores.

Ireland for the Irish,
Not for Jews.

Beware of the money-lenders who advertise to lend without bail. They are Jews, but use Irish names.

The *Freeman's Journal* on Saturday last says: A movement appears to have been threatened in Dublin for the injury of certain Jews living in the city. We do not believe that its dimensions are formidable, but in a matter of the kind a few dishonest and ill-conditioned men are capable of working an infinite amount of mischief. So long as our local imitators of continental tyranny confined their operations to "letters to the editor" and sensational placards they were within their rights. They become dangerous, however, when they try to organise bodies of men to carry out their threats. A rumour to this effect has reached us and while we are confident that the good sense and intelligence of the people at large will speedily suppress any attempt to molest a hard-working and inoffensive section of the population, we expect that the authorities will be on the alert to anticipate the rowdies. This sudden antipathy to the Jewish community in the city is either the product of the imagination of some hare-brained fanatic or, what is most likely, the project of a set of ruffians having some ulterior object in view. In either case we may promise that the movement, if it should come to a head, will enjoy a brief existence. The soil of Ireland does not now take kindly to religious persecution. It has had too bitter an experience of the evil to enjoy it, and those who were its victims, having now received their freedom, will not pause to throttle its attempted revival in any form, and will not be over particular in their method of dealing with the promoters. This much only we say for the present. If the wretched affair assumes a more serious aspect, we shall speak at greater length and with no lack of plainness.

The *Evening Telegraph* also published a Leader condemning the malicious attack upon the Jews. It says: "To reasonable men we shall not appeal in vain. The Jews have had a hard lot in the world's history. There is only one other people on the face of the earth which has suffered persecution approaching theirs, and that other people is the Irish. To our credit, history so far must record that Ireland stands alone amongst nations in freedom from the odium of having outraged and persecuted the Jews, who as a nation have been exiled from their native country. The Irish have sought refuge in many lands, driven out of their own by misgovernment. The history of our race ought to teach us that when another persecuted people, upon whom Fate has laid a heavy burden, have sought an asylum here, they should not be made the objects of malignancy, but should feel that, being honest and peaceable citizens, their race will not draw upon them persecution in a nation which is itself struggling to be free."

JEWISH HOME.—Mr. L. Van Boolen announces a grand evening concert at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Monday, the 15th prox., in aid of the Jewish Home, Stepney Green. The funds of this institution are not in a too favourable condition, and it is hoped, by means of the proceeds of the concert, that a considerable deficit will be wiped off. Mr. Van Boolen has arranged an attractive programme; he has secured the services of a number of eminent artistes, including Miss Mary Davies, Mdlle. Marie de Lido (of the Italian Opera), Mr. Iver Mc Kay and Mr. Barrington Foote, and he himself will conduct a full orchestra of 50 performers.

THE Rev. Prof. Marks, who has been somewhat unwell of late, his voice especially being affected, has been granted leave of absence for some time from his official duties as senior minister of the West London Synagogue. The rev. Professor is about to leave town for the Isle of Wight, where he intends to recruit his health.

A BEAUTIFUL sculptured Capital in white marble has been received from Jerusalem by the Palestine Exploration Fund. A small fragment of another capital also in marble, was discovered by Canon Liddon, which he has had placed in the south aisle of the chancel of St. Paul's Cathedral, with an inscription in Latin stating that it belonged to Solomon's Temple.

The Sunday Lecture Society has recommenced its meetings for the present season. On Sunday Mr. George Wotherspoon, M.A., lectured on "Mormonism."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumnal Remedies.—Towards the fall of the year countless causes are at work to lower the tone of the nervous system, which will be followed by ill-health unless proper means be employed to avert that evil. Holloway's far famed preparations supply a faultless remedy for both external and internal complaints connected with changes of season. All affections of the skin, roughness, blotches, pimples, superficial and deeper-seated inflammations, erysipelas, rheumatic pains and gouty pangs alike succumb to the exalted virtues of Holloway's Ointment and Pills; which will effect a happy revolution in the patient's condition, though the symptoms of his disorder are legion, and have obstinately withstood the best efforts of science to subdue them.—[ADVT.]

OBITUARY.

THE REV. A. BARNETT.

We regret to have to announce the death of the Rev. Abraham Barnett, the late First Reader of the New Synagogue, who died at his residence, 5, Walterton Road, St. Peter's Park, on Monday evening. The deceased did not suffer from any disease, and had only taken to his bed for a few days, the cause of death being decay of nature. The Revs. I. Samuel and R. Harris, of the Bayswater Synagogue, Mr. Sampson, of the New Synagogue, and others were present at his death. Mr. Barnett was in the 80th year of his age. His vigorous constitution was not a little strengthened by his habit, even when a septuagenarian, of taking a cold bath every morning, during winter as well as in summer. Mr. Barnett was a native of London, and may, therefore, be regarded as the father of English Chazonim. He was a son of Mr. David Barnett, a man of humble circumstances. He received his education at the "Neveh Tzedek" (Jews' Hospital) and was apparently a born Chasan, for as a youth he frequently read the services at that institution. In fact there he was popularly called the "Chasan." After being engaged in business for a short period, he determined to adopt the clerical profession, and when still a young man received his first call to Bristol, which has been the nursery ground of several of our foremost ministers including the late Rev. A. L. Green. A more important and lucrative appointment subsequently offered itself in London, where he became First Reader of the Hambro' Synagogue, in which position he succeeded the Rev. Zachariah Barnett. At that time this place of worship, as one of the triumvirate of metropolitan synagogues, held a more influential position in the community than it does at present. Having filled the office with considerable credit for some time, Mr. Barnett obtained his third and last post in 1841, when he was elected First Reader of the New Synagogue in Great St. Helen's. This office he held for the long period of 43 years, resigning a little more than two years ago owing to failing health. Few incidents of importance are associated with his lengthy career at the New Synagogue; one of the exceptions being the burning of the synagogue in 1856, after he had been 15 years in office. Many influential members of the Jewish community, some of them dead others still living, were connected with the New Synagogue, among them being the late Sir David Salomons, whose portrait adorns the Vestry Room. During the last twenty years of his official career, Mr. Barnett was associated with the Rev. I. Cohen, the present Second Reader and Secretary, and between these two colleagues the utmost cordiality ever prevailed. This friendship was acknowledged by Mr. Barnett in the letter, in which he placed his resignation in the hands of the Wardens and Committee, and one of the last visits which he paid was to Mr. Cohen on the day before the New Year, when he called on his former colleague to offer him the compliments of the season. In his letter of resignation, dated February 18th, 1884, Mr. Barnett, (after mentioning that he would have taken this step earlier had not his friend and colleague, the Rev. I. Cohen, undertaken to perform his duties when he himself was incapable of acting) wrote: "During the time I have held the office of minister, extending over forty-three years, I have striven, both in and out of the synagogue, to use my utmost exertions to give general satisfaction. In retiring from the office I have so long held pray accept my heartfelt thanks for the kindness I have ever received from you, expressing my sorrow at parting from a congregation I have so long served and highly esteemed, fervently praying for its continued prosperity."

The great esteem in which Mr. Barnett was held by his congregation was shown some 28 years ago, when he was presented by the members of the synagogue with a handsome service of silver plate, and at a later period, when through the establishment of the United Synagogue the New Synagogue lost its autonomy, the Committee officially recognised his long and efficient services by presenting him, as they also did to Mr. Cohen, with an illuminated address on vellum.

Besides being gifted with a fine voice, which retained some of its vigour up to the last years of his ministrations, especially on the High Festivals, Mr. Barnett was a Reader of the highest ability. Although not a man of deep learning, he was an excellent Hebrew scholar; he thoroughly understood the Liturgy, and took especial pains with his pronunciation, which was as clear as it was correct. As a Baal Koreh he displayed the same marked ability. The extra-synagogal duties which have of late years been taken up by the Jewish clergy were long fulfilled by Mr. Barnett, and public charities as well as many private persons have had good cause to appreciate his successful pleadings in their behalf. In Jewish education he took particular interest, and one of his greatest delights was to visit the Jewish schools, notably the one on Stepney Green, and examine the pupils. The remains of the deceased Chasan were interred yesterday afternoon at the West Ham Cemetery, the service being read by his successor in office, the Rev. M. A. Epstein. Mr. Barnett leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

MR. RALPH H. SAMUEL, OF LIVERPOOL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ralph Henry Samuel, who was for many years one of the most prominent members of the Jewish community of Liverpool, and has long been distinguished by his commercial eminence in that city. Mr. Samuel, whose demise took place on Monday last, at the Langham Hotel, London, was in his seventy-eighth year. For the last six or seven years he has been the victim of an acute illness, which incapacitated him from taking an active part in commercial matters, and it was his practice to pass the winter at Torquay. He was spending a few days in London last week on his way to the South of England, when his illness assumed an alarming form, which resulted in the melancholy event we now chronicle.

Mr. R. H. Samuel was a native of Liverpool, and belonged to a family which has been identified with the growth and prosperity of the Jewish community of that city. His grandfather was one of the earliest Jewish settlers in Liverpool, and it was probably due to his exertions that the first synagogue there was founded. The deceased entered upon commercial pursuits early in life, and betook himself to the Brazilian trade, with the development of which in this country he has been prominently associated. He himself visited Brazil about forty years ago, returning after a few years' absence to take a distinguished position among Liverpool merchants, and to mark out for himself a career of honour, integrity, and usefulness, which earned for him the universal esteem of his fellow-citizens of all classes and creeds. Mr. Samuel took a lively personal interest in all the concerns of the Jewish community of Liverpool, and contributed largely to all its charities and institutions. Attached to the Old Hebrew Congregation, he more than once filled the office of Senior Warden, paying much attention to improving the character of the synagogue service. In this capacity, and at a time when choral singing was rarely heard in the synagogue, he took a leading part in founding a choir, and met with such success that the Liverpool choir soon attained the celebrity which it now enjoys—of being one of the best Jewish choirs in the kingdom. Mr. Samuel likewise held, at various times, the positions of President of the Hebrew Schools and President of the Philanthropic Society, invariably discharging the functions attached to those offices with dignity and distinction. In connection with the schools he founded the Boy's Clothing Fund, a charity for providing outfits every winter for a number of deserving pupils; and he sent annually a donation to the fund sufficient to clothe twenty boys. When the splendid new synagogue in Princes Road was projected, Mr. Samuel was among the most munificent donors to the Building Fund, and subsequently, when the foundation stone was to be laid, the congregation paid him the high compliment of inviting him to perform that ceremony, which he did in 1873. His private benefactions were both numerous and generous, and many a man who has been ruined through misfortune in business owes his repaired fortunes to the helping hand held out to him by the deceased. Mr. Samuel was a man of very sound business judgment, firm though moderate in opinion, and solid in all his business policy. He was of cultured tastes, and diffused a spirit of refinement throughout his circle, in which were numbered friends of many persuasions and tastes, who found in it congenial resources of friendship and intellectual gratification. He leaves a large family of sons and daughters, of whom the best known in London commercial circles is Mr. H. S. Samuel, of Onslow Gardens.

The funeral took place on Wednesday last at the cemetery in Deane Road, and was attended by the sons of the deceased, Mr. H. S. Samuel and Mr. Robert Samuel the sons-in-law, Messrs. Max Hesse, of Manchester, A. Wiener, of Brussels, Assur Keyser, of London, and by a large number of the members of the Liverpool Jewish community. The service was read by the Rev. H. Burman, and a suitable address was delivered by the Rev. J. Polack, in which he depicted the virtues of the deceased in his various relations of life, and illustrated the career so unfortunately closed, by the picture of the righteous man (drawn in Psalm 92) who "flourishes like the palm tree and gathers strength like the cedar in Lebanon," resembling, indeed, those trees which "are planted in the house of the Lord, and bloom in the courts of God, and which "even in old age give forth fruit, and after old age has passed enter an existence ever fresh and green" in the realms of eternal bliss.

MR. SAMUEL RISCH.

A well known figure in connection with East End charities has been removed by the death, on Tuesday week, of Mr. Samuel Risch. He was a native of Hamburg, but had resided in this country for upwards of half a century. Mr. Risch was one of the founders of the Aged Destitute Society (which is no longer in existence, having made over its funds to the Board of Guardians a few years ago), and of the Society for Providing Strangers with Meals, of which he was Vice-President, and was also intimately associated with the Management of the Widows' Home and Hand in Hand Asylum, the Helping Hand Society for assisting Jewish Incurables of which he was President, and the City of London Widows' Benevolent Society. The deceased was a pious and benevolent Jew in every sense of the word. His funeral on Sunday was attended by an immense concourse of persons.

LIEUTENANT RALPH P. J. COHEN.

A promising military career has been prematurely cut off by the death at the age of 25, of Lieut. Ralph B. J. Cohen, 1st West Indian Regiment, a position which he attained by sheer hard work. While on leave of absence at Brighton, Lieut. Cohen caught a severe cold, which developed into inflammation and caused his death on Sunday the 17th. The body was removed to Manchester, where his mother resides, and was interred on the following Wednesday at the Crumpsal Cemetery. After holding a Commission in the 17th Lancashire Volunteers, the deceased officer passed his examination with brilliant success as Lieutenant of Militia, and was appointed Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers. With this battalion he passed through two periods of training; but finding that the number of candidates entered for examination for Commissions in the line was so great that only a very small percentage could be successful, he determined to work his way up from the ranks. With this object Mr. Cohen entered the 2nd Battalion of the 24th Regiment (South Wales Borderers) as a private; he rose rapidly and attained the grades of Corporal and Sergeant, and after passing the remaining examinations with signal success, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the 1st West Indian Regiment.

THE HON. EMANUEL G. LEVY.

On the 18th September there died at Port Henderson, Jamaica, the Hon. Emanuel G. Levy, of Spanish Town, a member of the Legislative Council of the island. He was a son of the late Hon. Isaac Levy, one of the leading men in Jamaica, and himself a member of the Legislative Council and for many years Custos of St. Katharine. The Hon. Emanuel Levy was a gentleman of considerable ability, but had had little opportunity of distinguishing himself in life, as his public career had not long opened at the time of his death. He died at the early age of about 35 years.

MRS. J. B. MONTEFIORE.

Rebecca, the wife of Mr. Joseph Barrow Montefiore, of 36, Kensington Gardens Square, died on Sunday night in the 77th year of her age. Her demise at the present time is particularly touching, for next week she and her husband would have celebrated their "diamond" wedding—the completion of sixty years of a happy union. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. Daniel Mocatta, one of the founders of the West London Synagogue of British Jews, and who was in his time one of the richest men in the City. She was of a most amiable character, and charitable to a fault. Mrs. Montefiore bore her husband, a cousin of the late Sir Moses, twelve children, nine of them being daughters. One son, Mr. Herbert Montefiore, resides in London, the two others and some of the daughters are settled in Australia. The interment took place on Wednesday at the Balls Pond Cemetery. The Rev. A. Löwy, who officiated, delivered a short address after the burial, as no prayers will be read at the residence of Mr. Montefiore. Mr. Löwy, in his appropriate and impressive address, described the late Mrs. Montefiore's eminently pious disposition. She was an אשת חיל in the right sense of the word, true as a Jewish wife, as a Jewish mother, and as a loved friend. Her charity, generous and judicious, was performed with modesty and in the strictest secrecy.

MRS. S. M. EMANUEL, SOUTHAMPTON.

On Saturday last the wife of Alderman S. M. Emanuel (who has twice filled the office of Mayor of Southampton) died at her residence, Cumberland Place, Southampton, in her 79th year. The funeral, on Wednesday, was attended by a large concourse of townsmen, by all classes of whom the aged alderman is greatly respected.

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Day of Week.	Day of Hebrew Month.	Day of Civil Month.		Portion.	Haphtorah.
Friday	Tishri 30	Oct. 29	א׳ דראש חדש Sabbath commences 4.		
Saturday	Heshvan 1	30	ב׳ דראש חדש Sabbath terminates 5·19	נח Gen. vi. 9 to end of xi.; also Num xxviii. 9-15.	Isaiah lxvi.
Sunday	2	31			
Monday	3	Nov. 1			
Tuesday	4	2			
Wednesday	5	3			
Thursday	6	4			

This day (Friday) and to-morrow is Rosh Chodesh Heshvan.

Friday next, November 5, Sabbath will commence at 4.

MEMORABILIA OF MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31.

Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, Meeting of the House Committee, at the Institution, West Norwood, 10.

Liverpool "Montefiore" Club, Consecration of New Premises, 8, Sandon Terrace, 6·30.

TUESDAY, NOV. 2.

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THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE.

On Tuesday next the Scheme for revising the Financial Arrangements of the United Synagogue will be further considered by the Council. The chief clauses—embodying the principle of the Scheme—were adopted at the last meeting, and those now remaining (Clauses XIII. to XXI.) refer chiefly to details. The debate at the special meeting of the 20th ult. cannot be said to have been worthy of the occasion. A new departure was about to be taken with regard to the central body of the whole community. It was fitting that such a weighty measure should be discussed on its merits with a due consciousness of the importance of the occasion. We have ourselves contributed to the best of our power to a complete understanding of the new scheme, and we had hoped that when it came before the Council, it would have received a free, full and fair discussion on its merits and quite apart from personal considerations. In this hope we have been completely disappointed.

The discussion that did take place—if discussion is the fitting word—did not, except in one or two instances, deal with the merits of the question. Mr. Lionel Cohen treated it with his usual ability and practical sense. But the remainder of the speakers skirted round the subject, raised side issues, and, finally and worst of all, introduced personal allusions quite foreign to the purpose. Indeed, the whole meeting left a suspicion that the attitude of various critics was dictated by motives far removed from the interests of the United Synagogue. The question before the meeting was not whether one member of the Council set class against class, or that another was attempting to set up as dictator to the community. Such points were quite foreign to the purpose of the meeting or the important question before the Council.

The personal altercations which thus marred the object of the meeting are to be deprecated not alone on the ground of the time lost and their own irrelevant nature. The example set, it is to be feared, may have a bad effect on the whole tone of communal discussion. One of the claims set up for the United Synagogue was that its debates would be far above the level of the vestry discussions natural in small communities. The larger scope of action was to give a more impersonal tone to the discussion, a loftier standpoint to the whole proceedings. In the past much of this promise has been fulfilled, and it is greatly to be regretted that on the eve of a new phase in its history the United Synagogue should take altogether a lower level in discussing by far the most important scheme that has come before it since it was called into existence.

There is, too, a personal aspect in which the acrimonious personalities of the last meeting deserve to be considered. Members of the community find appropriate spheres of action outside the community, and are appointed to take part in deliberations that are national and not merely communal. The least that we can expect from them when they return to our midst from their wider experience is that they shall bring with them a tone of discussion worthy of their new activity. Emancipation is but a mixed good if it does not help to raise the whole communal tone. We feel sure that the chief offenders in this respect must by this time be conscious of the error into which their excitement led them, and with these remarks we quit the unpleasant theme and turn to the few points relating to the scheme itself which were raised at the last meeting or in the correspondence which has ensued since.

A complicated scheme of this kind cannot fail to have its weak points. In legislating for a whole class it would be almost impossible to avoid some injustice being done to one or more members of the class. But the very idea of the Union involves a certain amount of sacrifice on the part of the more fortunately situated members. We are not prepared to object to the word "federation" in Mr. Montagu's letter. But even with a federation there must be a certain amount of "give and take," and if the Union is to be a real one, it must be founded on mutual good feeling and a desire for mutual strength. In essence this is recognised on all sides, but when the question arises how much any particular synagogue is prepared to sacrifice for the good of all, the general principle is rather apt to fall to the ground, and individual exception made of the particular institution interested.

Much has been said in this controversy of the opposition of class and class. If by this it is meant to imply that the "rich" synagogues do not readily support the "poor" ones, nothing can be more unjust and unfounded. It is mere matter of fact that some of the latter would not now be in existence if they had not been propped up by their "richer" brethren. That synagogues of this class should subject their expenditure to the sanction of the Council is as much for their own benefit as for that of any one else. As for the criticism that children should support their parents, this it at once an acknowledgment of the destitute condition of the latter. In the case of the constituent synagogues at any rate it entirely breaks down since three out of the five synagogues with a deficit have been admitted into the Union since the Amalgamation. The chief opposition to the tightening of the bonds of Union is from the rich synagogues, Mr. S. Montagu's own congregation, the New West End, leading the way.

Nor can it be said that the synagogues are in any other way unjustly treated. In fact the complaint might come rather from the West. The representation at the Council is distinctly "democratic." The East End seatholder paying not a tithe of that which the Bayswater member contributes has exactly the same voting power. Each constituent synagogue has a representative for every fifty seatholders whether they pay one guinea or twenty. This has given the East End members distinct advantages which they have by no means been chary of using in the past. The "masses" have here equal rights with the "classes."

The United Synagogue needs no defence from us. Its deeds praise it in the Gates. Its history during the past sixteen years forms a sufficient title to continued existence and to the good will of the community. Without its sympathetic support and encouragement several of the constituent synagogues would have probably not been founded; without its pecuniary help several could not continue to exist. It has thus proved incontestably its utility. But having said this there is still much to be said for some modification of the older financial arrangements. This should be in the direction of strengthening the local management, and by this means creating anew those ties of local attachment which formed the best side of the older "shoolism" which the United Synagogue to a certain extent replaced. London has become so amorphous and its elements so disconnected, that the strength of local ties has greatly diminished and needs all the fostering which the new scheme can supply.

Towards this desirable end it is the duty of all to help. The Union which is strength should be helped forward, not by casting the sands of captious criticism into the wheels of its administrative machinery, but by pouring oil upon the positions of greatest strain. Recent events have scarcely tended in this direction, but we trust that the friction generated is

only momentary, and will shortly be replaced by a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together in the direction of greater union of spirit and a diversity of local organisation. It is not one of the worst features of the new scheme that it gives opportunity for experiments in synagogal management, and it will be the duty of local authorities to vie with one another in inventive capacity. Let them now vie in generous rivalry to give the new scheme the trial it so thoroughly deserves.

EDUCATING THE HANDS.

Through the generous kindness of Mr. Benjamin L. Cohen, the Managers of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum have been enabled to make a valuable addition to the educational machinery of that institution. A workshop fitted with all suitable appliances for the technical training of the boys will be opened on the 14th November, the religious part of the inaugural ceremony being conducted by the Delegate Chief Rabbi. This is indeed a step in the right direction. A Jewish Orphan Asylum will have the credit of being the first of kindred institutions in England to establish such a workshop. It will be distinctly educational in its character, its purpose being to train the boys to the use of tools. The Institution had workshops many years ago, when situated at Mile End, but they were of quite a different character. They were maintained, not to give a technical training, but rather to detain the boys as workers after they had completed their studies and should already have been out in the world earning their living independently of the charity. It was found that the old system led to demoralising results, and unfitted the lads to act as journeymen. On the one hand they chafed under the necessary restrictions placed upon their freedom, and on the other they were led to depend far too much upon the shelter, food and comfort of the Institution, and were disinclined to adopt habits of industry and application.

But the Workshop which will be inaugurated on the 14th prox. is entirely on a different basis. The new department will be virtually a trades school, teaching a boy to be handy with tools, in fact, supplementing the brain-work with hand-work. The physical result will be that a lad will be trained to have pliant fingers, and a general handiness in the use of tools, The moral effect will also probably be that the lads will be induced to like handicrafts and to have a desire to follow one of them and earn their living by it on leaving the Institution. To Jewish boys the effect will be of inestimable benefit. The long apprenticeship system at present obtaining in many trades is doomed and will be replaced by a rational and "scientific" system of technical training. The City Guilds Institute, under the direction of Sir Philip Magnus, is destined to meet the glaring deficiency hitherto existing in our method of boys being apprenticed for seven years to be taught a trade. They are in practice expected to teach themselves by almost inconceivably clumsy methods. In most trades no teaching, properly so called, is given to apprentices. They are left to pick up a knowledge as best they can by observing journeymen and senior apprentices. In the first year the boy is a "maid of all work" in the workshop, and in the last two or three years, if he is quick witted, he is for all practical purposes a journeyman earning only apprenticeship wages. Such a system—or rather such utter absence of all system or method—could not but lead to results deplorable to the aptitude and intelligent working of the artisan. To the Jewish charities the apprenticeship system has peculiar disadvantages. In the first few years merely nominal wages are given; all the boy's "fingers are thumbs;" he has to be "licked into shape"; he has no idea whatever of the use of tools, and regards the workshop merely as an agreeable change from the irksome discipline of the school. Then, there is need for properly training those desirous of emigrating; mere "loafers" are not required anywhere, but in young colonies are a peculiarly heavy burden to themselves and others; whereas a cheerful welcome and ready employment are given to the man trained to mechanical work, handy with tools, intelligent, industrious and steady.

If there be need for technical education in the country generally, there is greater necessity for the training of Jewish artizans. For far too long have the Jewish working classes followed a few overstocked, ill-paid trades. The Jewish Board of Guardians, recognising that this evil lay at the root of much of the poverty existing in our midst, instituted a system of apprenticing boys to good and remunerative occupations. But something beyond this is wanted. Our working men are severely handicapped: they can work only about five days a week, and the effect of the Festivals was vividly brought to our minds during the past month. The Jewish workingman must therefore not be less well trained, not even merely as well, but far better trained, if he is to compensate for the Saturday rest and the cessation from work on his holidays. The Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum has set a good example in facing one of the most difficult problems in our educational and industrial system. May all success attend the new workshop.

Oxford University.—On Saturday last the Kennicott Hebrew Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Herman J. Cohen, scholar of Jesus College and formerly a student of Jews' College.

A JEW IN DOMESDAY.

It is now almost exactly eight hundred years ago since William the Norman ordered an inventory to be made of the land he had won by the power of his sword on this side of the Channel. Juries were summoned in all the chief towns and villages, and reported on oath—for jurymen were witnesses in those days—the value of the various pieces of land in their neighbourhood. These were inscribed and the results sent up to the Exchequer, there to form the basis of the Royal revenue for many years to come. Our readers will have heard enough this week of the great Domesday Book in which the earliest census and assessment of England was embodied. But among the various items of interest that will be alluded to in connection with the celebration of the eight hundredth anniversary of the survey, we doubt if any notice will be taken of the fact that there is a Jew named in the ancient document, the first Jew whose name is mentioned as residing on English soil. The fact is interesting in many ways, and will doubtless receive due attention at the forthcoming Anglo-Jewish Exhibition.

The facts of the case which lead to this conclusion are these. In the Domesday for "Oxinefordscire" there is a notice, seemingly put in as a second thought, for part of it is crowded into an upper line, which says that Fil' Manasse has a holding returning fourpence at Bletchingdon. The exact words are "Fil' Manasse habet unam mansionem reddentem iv denarios ad Blechesdone." The name Menasse is in itself a very strange one for an Englishman to bear, though there are a few instances in which was borne by the ecclesiastics of the period, and if we only had the name to depend upon, we could scarcely be certain that the "Son of Manasse"—in itself a curious form of nomenclature—referred to a Jew. But in the notices referring to Bletchington there is some further evidence about this "Fil' Manasse," which puts it almost beyond doubt that we have in him the first Anglo-Jew named in history. For it is there reported that he had been fined for holding the land without the King's license. In the case of an Englishman pure and simple, this would have been unnecessary, whereas at this early period the holding of land by a Jew was exceptional and needed special license from the King. This additional item therefore clinches the matter and enables us to say with some degree of confidence that the first English Jew mentioned in a historical document, and that the most important document of the time, is this Ben Manasse. Curious that the first Jew mentioned at this early date should bear the same name as the still more celebrated Mannasseh who was the first Jew to return to the shores of England 570 years afterwards.

The presence of a Jew at such a comparatively unimportant village as Bletchington is significant in many ways. It shows the rapid spread of the Jews who were invited over by the Conqueror from Rouen, and raises the suspicion that the references in Anglo-Saxon charters to Jews may not have been mere formal references. Or if they had spread so far in the twenty years that had elapsed between the Battle of Hastings—if Prof. Freeman will permit us to use the name—and the publication of Domesday, they must have answered to the one pressing economic need of the day. This ignorance may term "usury," but an accurate knowledge of the facts is now likely to term the distribution of capital, so sorely needed in the new economic conditions of a kingdom for the first time thrown open to European commerce.

New West End Synagogue.—Mr. Neville D. Cohen, who for some years has been Financial Representative and latterly a Warden of the New West End Synagogue, is about to leave England with the object of settling in Sydney, New South Wales. In order to commemorate his connection with the synagogue, Mr. Cohen has just presented it with a valuable gift, in the shape of a Sepher Torah, with appurtenances complete. The Scroll of the law is a new one and is beautifully written; the bells, pointer and plate are silver gilt. The mantle is of purple velvet, richly embroidered with gold fringe and bullion. On the front have been worked the letters ב"ה, lower down are a pair of massive hands (the symbol of the Cohanim) splendidly finished, and beneath this are the Hebrew name of the donor and the date of the present year. The mantle, a handsome piece of workmanship, was manufactured by Mr. G. Kenning, masonic embroiderer, from a design drawn by the Rev. M. Haines. The Sepher was used for the first time on Simchas Torah, and was greatly admired.

New Zealand.—The will of the late Mr. David Nathan, of Auckland, New Zealand, which was proved in that city last month contains numerous bequests to local institutions and charities in London. The executors are Mr. L. D. Nathan and Mr. N. A. Nathan, his two sons, and his son-in-law, Mr. Woolf Harris, of London. The following are the bequests to London charities: £1,000 to the Jewish Board of Guardians; £100 each to the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, Jews Free School, Bell Lane, and Jewish Soup Kitchen; £50 each to Jews Deaf and Dumb Home, Stepney Jewish Schools, Jewish Institution for Relieving the Indigent Blind, Bread Meat and Coal Charity (משיבת נפש) Aged Needy Society and Five Shillings Sabbath Society (צרכי שבת); £25 each to the Penny Dinner Society connected with Jews Infant School, Commercial Street and Stepney Jewish Benevolent Society. To the Trustees of the Auckland Hospital £200 are left upon trust and interest to be applied towards expenses of medical lectures at the hospital; £100 to the Auckland Institute and Museum; £500 to the "Beth Israel" Synagogue at Auckland, and £200, the income arising from the latter amount to be paid to any Jewish Benevolent Society that may be established; £20 to the Jewish Cemetery; £50 each to Parnell Orphan Home and Roman Catholic Orphanage at Auckland. Several legacies are left to old servants. To the widow £2,000, house, jewellery &c. and the marriage sett ement is confirmed; house and land in Karangahape Road to his grandchild, Rose Nathan, the eldest daughter of L. D. Nathan; £500 each to unmarried female children of testator's late brother Barnett Nathan; £500 to the nephew, Lionel, and £250 to the nephew Hyman Nathan; £50 each to the testator's cousins, Julia Salomons and Nathan Meyers; £10,000 each to his daughters Mrs. Sarah Benjamin (widow) and Mrs. Woolf Harris; £1,000 to each of his present grand children on attaining the age of 21 years. The remainder of the estate is left in equal shares to testator's sons, Laurence David Nathan and Nathan Alfred Nathan, who are appointed executors along with Woolf Harris (son-in-law), and these executors are also left £250 each.—On the resignation last month of the Mayor of Gisborne, Poverty Bay, Mr. Henry Lewis (one of the very few Jews in the town), already Chairman of the Harbour Board, was unanimously elected by the Council to fill the post of Mayor.

The Rev. H. P. Levy, of Middlesboro' delivered a sermon on שמני עצרת at the Borough Synagogue, and on Sabbath last at the East London Synagogue. During the winter session he will lecture on "Jewish Ordinances" at the Middlesboro Literary and Philosophical Society

FOREIGN NEWS.

ARABIA.

The largest Jewish community in Asia is that in Bagdad, which numbers about 40,000 souls. The town contains some 20 synagogues. Twice weekly the Chief Rabbi and the other Ecclesiastical authorities assemble in the Great Synagogue, where they sit as a Tribunal for hearing civil causes concerning Jews. Criminal cases must, however, be tried by the Imperial Turkish Court of Justice. The community maintains a Yeshiba, which is attended by some 200 persons, among whom are to be found men already far advanced in years. It is not unusual in Bagdad for a merchant or an artisan, simply from love of the study of the Law, to devote many hours and even nights to the sacred and rabbinical writings. Numerous schools are provided for the young but the only efficient school is that of the Alliance Israélite Universelle. In religious matters there is little to distinguish the Bagdad Jews from their Western coreligionists. Polygamy is permitted among the Jews of Bagdad, but it is not practised to any great extent.

ALGERIA.

A demonstration of an unusual character occurred at Algiers on the evening of the Day of Atonement. A considerable number of Jewish soldiers gathered in front of the synagogue in the Place Randon, and when the Grand Rabbi emerged therefrom they bitterly reproached him for not having taken the necessary steps to obtain leave for them on the occasion of the Fast. The services of the police were required to disperse the crowd, and the Grand Rabbi was escorted to his residence by an Inspector and a subordinate member of the force. From information published in the local press, comprising the text of a letter addressed by the General in command to the Grand Rabbi, granting the necessary furlough, it is evident that the complaint of the soldiers was unfounded.

Two streets in the town of Oran were the scene on the 11th inst. of sanguinary encounters, in the one case between Arab and Jewish dealers in leaves for the decoration of the Succah, and in the other between some Jews and soldiers. In neither instance were the Jews to blame for the disturbances.

FRANCE.

The prominent position which French Jews have acquired in the pursuit of science has received confirmation in a ministerial decree appointing a Technical Committee on Electricity in connection with the Ministry of Commerce. Among the gentlemen appointed on this Committee are MM. Maurice Lévy, G. Lipmann, Maurice Loewy (Sub-Director of the Observatory), all of them members of the Institute of France, M. Fribourg, Director of the Material at the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, M. Gaston Sciama, Director of the house of Briquet, and Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

The Commission for the Control of the Universal Exhibition in 1889 likewise contains several Jewish members. These include M. Millaud, Senator, M. Camille Dreyfus, Deputy, Count Cahen d'Anvers, and M. Eugène Pereire, President of the Transatlantic Company.

An important military post in Paris is once again held by a Jew, General Sée having been appointed to the command of the 10th Division of Infantry, which is stationed in the capital. At one time General Lambert, who has since held high office in Tunis, was Military Commandant of the same city. Another of the Jewish general officers, General Lévy, has been sent on an important military mission to Tunis where the utmost honour has been shown to him by the Bey and his Ministers.

GERMANY.

A sad incident interrupted the services on the Day of Atonement at a private synagogue in the Grenadier-strasse, Berlin. While the Chazan, Herr Benjamin, who was in his eightieth year, was reading, he suddenly fell down and expired.

INDIA.

The Beni Israel community in Bombay is at present greatly preoccupied on account of a dispute regarding the management of the synagogue in Samuel Street. The dispute has culminated in a law suit which has been heard in the Civil Court presided over by Mr. Justice Scott. The plaintiffs, Abraham Jacob Awasker and others, prayed that the Court might declare that the defendants, David Haim Devoker and others, held no official position in the synagogue, and that they should hand over all the monies and furniture of the synagogue now in their hands. In the written statement of the defendants, one of their members was described as having been appointed "Sir Punch," a title in regard to the administration of synagogue affairs of which we have hitherto been ignorant. When our latest advices left Bombay, the case had not concluded.

While the above mentioned case was sub-judice, Mr. Justice Scott was also engaged with the affairs of the Beni Israel in another and more pleasant direction. His lordship presided on Sunday, the 5th September, at the annual meeting of the Beni Israel Benevolent Society. This institution was founded in 1853 for the relief of the poor and helpless widows, destitute orphans, and infirm men and women belonging to this community. Its present President is Mr. Haeem Samuel, one of the foremost men among the Beni Israel; Mr. David Aaron is Vice-President, and Mr. Abraham Daniel, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. The list of contributors contains the names of members of several religious denominations. Amongst the English donors appear the names of his Excellency Lord Reay, Governor of Bombay, Lieut.-General Phayre, Sir W. Wedderburn, Bart. and Brigadier General J. Blair, Political Resident at Aden (Arabia) where there are numerous contributors. The subscription list also emphasises the fact that a considerable proportion of Beni Israel serve in the Indian army, many of them as officers. One gentleman, Mr. Solomon Jacob, is Bandmaster of the 19th Regiment. At the meeting already referred to, Mr. Justice Scott delivered an admirable address, in which he warmly eulogised the spirit of solidarity and charity prevailing among the Jews; in referring to the work of the Benevolent Society his lordship mentioned with satisfaction that not a single Beni Israel beggar was to be found in the streets of India, or in any part of India. The Beni Israel artisans, besides, had a great reputation for their skill, and their soldiers were well known for their discipline and bravery.

MOROCCO.

Mr. Herbert White, the British Chargé d'Affaires in Tangier, has examined the pupils in the English Classes of the Alliance School in that city. Mr. White expressed his entire satisfaction with the results of the examination.

The Sultan has given orders that the families of the three Jews of Fez who were sent as prisoners to Marakesh in consequence of the anti-Jewish disturbances of the 23rd May last, shall pay a certain sum to the soldiers who had them in charge. In default of payment, their distant relatives or the Jewish community would be made responsible for the amount.

The Governor of Demnat, Hadj Gillali, continues to terrorise over the Jews in his district. One of his latest acts was to command a number of them to preceed to Marakesh and carry with them a present for the Sultan.

PALESTINE.

The Baron Lionel de Rothschild School in Jerusalem continues to grow in popularity. The Greek Patriarch in the Holy City lately sent the Archimandrite Gerasimos, Preacher at the Holy Sepulchre, to M. Nissim Behar, Director of the School, with the request that he should receive two Greek children into the institution. M. Behar readily complied with the Patriarch's wish, and received from his Eminence a cordial letter of thanks.

Cheering news is being received from the colony of young artisans, ex-pupils of M. Behar's school, which has been formed at Ramleh. Travellers from Jerusalem and Jaffa make it a point of stopping at Ramleh in order to see the members of the colony at work.

ROUMANIA.

A new Jewish-Roumanian School has been opened in Bucharest for primary instruction. The best Jewish and Christian teachers have been engaged, who will give instruction in Hebrew and religion, as well as in secular subjects, including conversational French and German. This school should be the means of meeting to some extent the want, to which our Bucharest correspondent referred in the letter published in our last issue.

THE PROVINCES.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday last the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Birmingham Hebrew Schools was held in the presence of a crowded audience in the large schoolroom. Mr. B. H. Joseph, Chairman of the School Committee, presided, and he was supported by, among others, Mr. Albert Phillips, Vice-Chairman, the Revs. G. J. Emanuel, B. Hast and M. Hollander, and Mr. Michael Davis, President of the Congregation. The Chairman opened the proceedings with an appropriate address in which he gave a detailed account of the progress made by the school, and pointed out that in the examination held by Her Majesty's Inspector the percentage of passes was 3 per cent. higher than in the Board Schools. Mr. Joseph advocated that the children should continue their education after they had left the Hebrew Schools. He then proceeded to distribute the prizes, the donors of which included Messrs. Isaac Davis, Henry Hayman, of London, Henry Davis, A. A. Jacobs, I. Friend, H. Joseph, and Mrs. Michael Davs. The usual votes of thanks were passed, the speakers being the Rev. G. J. Emanuel, Messrs. Michael Davis, A. Phillips, P. H. Levi, I. Davis, M. Moses, and M. Berlyn, Head Master. The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations by the pupils.

Sunday next will be observed in Birmingham as Hospital Sunday. A special service will, as usual, be held in the synagogue, when the Rev. Dr. Hermann Adler, Delegate Chief Rabbi, will deliver a sermon. Dr. Adler will be the guest of the President of the Congregation.

The winter session of the Young Men's Educational Institute was opened by a concert on Sunday evening last, Mr. Samuel Gordon, President, in the Chair. The Rev. B. Hast, Miss R. Hast (of London), Mrs. E. L. Levy, R.A.M., Miss Oakley, Mrs. L. Robert, the Messrs. Truelove, and Mr. H. Peacock gave their services. During the evening the Rev. G. J. Emanuel delivered a brief inaugural address.

CARDIFF.

The festivals which have just terminated have brought into prominence the want sorely felt in Cardiff not only of a Preacher but even of a Reader. Throughout the Holidays the services were read by two laymen, Mr. M. Lewis and Mr. L. Minski. The post of minister has been vacant for some time, but no suitable applications, it is said, have hitherto been received.—"Hillel" writes to complain of the dilapidated condition of the synagogue.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Marinus de Groot, J.P., who was on Friday the 15th elected a Town Commissioner of the premier watering place of Ireland, Bray, in the County of Wicklow, was on Sunday, the 17th, re-elected Warden of the Dublin Hebrew Congregation for the 14th year. Mr. Charles L. Reis resigned the Treasurership, and Mr. Adolph Davis was unanimously elected in his stead.

GLASGOW.

Mr. J. H. Landau, formerly of Aria College, Portsea, delivered a sermon on Saturday last in the synagogue of the Glasgow Hebrew Congregation, on the subject of "Science in its Relation to God."

HULL.

On Tuesday, the 19th, Alderman J. Symons read a learned Paper on Wills and Will-makers, before a local Literary Society. The Hull *Critic* of the 23rd publishes an interesting biography of the Alderman, who has been a member of the Town Council for 20 years, on the Board of the Hull Guardians for nearly a quarter of a century and fills other local public positions. It was recently desired to elect him Mayor, but he declined the nomination.

LEICESTER.

On leaving Birmingham, the Rev. Dr. H. Adler, Delegate Chief Rabbi, will, on Monday, pay a pastoral visit to Leicester.

MANCHESTER.

"A Jewess" writes to complain of the condition of the newly acquired Burial Ground of the Great Synagogue. "There is nothing to mark the sacredness of the place save a tombstone here and there and a few mounds. No walls protect the ground from rude trespass, nothing to shut out the intruder save a small hedge which has suffered terribly from the winter storms and the gates have fallen away. Now and then some sportive horse careers across the ground and from a neighbouring farm cows graze near the sleepers we have loved."

The Rev. Dr. B. Salomon and the Rev. S. Alexander, who were ח"ח and ח"ב at the Manchester Great Synagogue were entertained by their congregants on Simchas Torah and the following day. There was a large gathering in the Committee Room where some of the members' daughters had assisted in the decorations.

ST. LEONARDS.

Beaufort College, St. Leonards, was the scene on Sunday last of an interesting ceremony, when a new Scroll of the law was "inaugurated" by Mr. Lionel L. Cohen, M.P., The Rev. M. Rosenthal chanted several appropriate psalms, and the principal, the Rev. Philip Bender, offered up a prayer. The afternoon service was read by Mr. Lionel Cohen. At the close of the religious ceremony, the visitors were entertained by the principal when the health of Mr. Cohen was cordially drunk.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

The annual meeting of the members of the congregation was held on Sunday, when the following were elected as honorary officers and members of the Committee: President, Mr. Hyman Benjamin; Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, Mr. Barnett Nelson, (re-elected); Committee, Messrs. S. Beirnstein, I. Hush (ex-officio), M. Jacobs, J. Levy, S. Levy, H. Simon, I. Smollon and J. Wilks. Mr. S. Levy, was ח"ח and Mr. Jacob Levy ח"ב.

NEWCASTLE.

A Conference of the Northern Conservative Associations was held on Friday at Newcastle, when it was resolved to form a Northern Union with its headquarters in that city. Mr. Isaac Lyons was appointed Secretary to the Union.

NORWICH.

A pleasing demonstration took place on the 13th at the fortnightly meeting of the Loyal Amicable Lodge at Norwich, when the brethren assembled to take leave of the N.G., Bro. H. Samuel. Mr. Samuel is leaving Norwich for the purpose of returning to Cardiff. He is the only Jewish member of the Lodge, in whose interest he has worked with the utmost zeal. During the evening Bro. Alderman Newman, in the name of the subscribers, presented Bro. Samuel with a handsomely chased gold pencil case, bearing an appropriate inscription. Later on Bro. Samuel's health was enthusiastically honoured.

SOUTH WALES.

At the remote town of Pentre, in the Rhondda Valley, there is a small congregation, which duly celebrated the Festival of the Rejoicing of the Law. Mr. Baron of that town was ח"ח, and Mr. N. Tauchan, of Trehebert, was ח"ב. The last named gentleman entertained all the members of the congregation at his residence on Sunday evening.

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JEWS AND AGRICULTURE.

On Shemini Atsereth the Rev. S. Singer preached at the St. Petersburgh Place Synagogue from the text, Proverbs xxviii. 19, "He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread." We give the following extract from Mr. Singer's address. While it can be said with truth that the observance of the Feast of Ingathering as a Harvest Thanksgiving indicates how completely our religious teachings are in harmony with the interests of our fellow-men, it is also true that in the actual practice of Israelites there is room for placing themselves more in agreement and accord with the life of the general community of which they form a part—a change which, in their case, would involve not so much the adoption of new callings as the return to old and neglected ones. The charge is still sustained against us that we are strange elements in any country where we take up our abode. It is a charge due, I believe, to a great extent to our refusal or our slowness to accommodate ourselves to that variety of pursuits necessary for the maintenance of a healthy national life. If you wish to bring about such social relations between Jews and their neighbours as shall be productive of the maximum of good and attended with the minimum of evil, you must do so by assimilating their occupations to those of their neighbours. Something more must be done than has hitherto been attempted to rectify in a practical way the too exclusive tendency of Jews to devote themselves to commerce and a few handicrafts. The restrictions having been withdrawn that kept them perforce from the cultivation of the soil, it does seem a subject for regret that they are so slow to avail themselves of their enlarged opportunities. Even the formation in one part of the British dominions of a Jewish agricultural colony on a small scale—gratifying as such a movement is—hardly satisfies the requirements of the case. Would it not be well if those of our brethren who devote a large portion of their time, means and labour to the amelioration of the condition of our poor, were to turn their attention to this matter also? Among the various employments to which our Board of Guardians apprentices poor Jewish lads, for whom life is likely to be a hard struggle, there is, I believe, none connected in any way with the cultivation of the soil. The mere suggestion will perhaps be received with surprise. But that as it may, here is a noteworthy and many a thoughtful mind will consider, an ugly fact: Out of 80,000 Jews—a low estimate of the number of our brethren inhabiting the United Kingdom—not less than a third of whom are in a state of chronic destitution—how many become what their fathers were, herdsmen and tillers of the ground? You would not want the fingers of one hand to count them. Is this a healthy state of things? Of course no one dreams that it is possible to convert an urban into a rural population suddenly, by the touch of a magician's wand; nor is anyone so unreasonable as to desire it. But a beginning ought to be made to restore some fraction at least of the Jewish people to their former vocations and at the same time to increase their general usefulness. Some well-meaning philanthropists, who think it necessary for us to establish a reformatory of our own for the worst class of youth to be found among us, would recommend that an experiment should be made with farming. It is open to doubt whether the worst sort of boys will make the best sort of farmers; but it is certain, that if an experiment is made, it should be tried with those of good character and of proved capacity for some kind of honest work. That there are difficulties in the way none will deny; so there are in the way of every other pursuit. The depressed state of agriculture at home must be taken into account. On the other hand we daily hear almost every region of Greater Britain crying out, not for the class of emigrants—fortune-hunters and waiters upon Providence—of whom we supply our full share, but for more agricultural labourers; and of these the Jews would do well to furnish their fair contingent. The labour cannot be more nor the remuneration less than that which falls to the lot of thousands of our brethren who come under the thraldom of the "sweater," or who, in the congested state of the labour market in large towns, are compelled to accept almost any wages, however small, and to give in return almost any work, however much. Anyhow, there is no reason why Jews should be the only religious denomination, the members of which can in the majority of cases be recognised by their secular vocation. It is not by their calling that Jews should be distinguished, but by the manner in which they follow it; by the thoroughness and conscientiousness with which they devote themselves to their respective pursuits; by doing with all their might, physical, intellectual and moral, whatever their hand finds to do. Let us hope that wholesome changes in this direction are in store for us; that the well-known adaptability of the Jewish race may soon be put to the test in the most varied forms; that, as one result, their ancient aptitude for a pastoral and agricultural life may be revived, so that the harvest festival may again have for us a direct and personal interest, and a fair proportion among us may in a very literal sense realise the wise man's promise, "he that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread."

South Hackney Synagogue.—In fulfilment of a resolution passed at the last general meeting of this synagogue, an innovation was introduced on the Day of the Rejoicing of the Law, when the congregation entertained the Chasani Torah and Bereshith (Messrs. M. Sesenwine and B. Tobias) instead of their entertaining the members of the synagogue. At the conclusion of the service, the two "Bridegrooms" sat down to a repast, presided over by Mr. Hirsch, and at which several gentlemen were present. An address was delivered by the Rev. D. Kohn Zedek, and during the proceedings the services of the Rev. M. J. Heilbron, Reader and Secretary, were referred to in eulogistic terms.

"Beth Holim" Hospital.—Announcement is made in our advertisement columns that a Ball in aid of the funds of the Spanish and Portuguese "Beth Holim" Hospital, Mile End Road, will be held in February. This is a new departure in the history of the institution.

Borough Synagogue.—At the conclusion of the service on Simchas Torah at the Borough Synagogue, the pupils of the adjoining Jewish schools were regaled by Mrs. John A. Cohen, wife of the Warden, with fruit, cakes and wine.

Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum.—Mr. Daniel Marks, one of the Treasurers, sent his annual and bountiful present of fruit and cakes to the inmates of the Asylum for the feast of Tabernacles; he also sent a profusion of flowers for the decoration of the synagogue.

Concert.—Miss Jessie Kosminski (but eleven years of age), who gave her first pianoforte recital at the Portman Rooms on Monday evening last, may be expected within a few short years to rank with those pianists who, with reasonable hopes, aspire to pre-eminence in the art. In a long selection of pieces ranging from Scarlatti to Chopin, and characterised by that excellence of arrangement that always marks the programmes of her teacher, the esteemed artist, J. H. Bonawitz, the faults that were exhibited were merely such as increased experience and the direction of so eminently thorough an instructor will assuredly remove. On the other hand, there has rarely been observed in so young a player, quite apart from technical skill, such breadth of comprehension, boldness of attack, and accurate memory.

Mr. M. L. Mayer announces a short season of French Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre. Madame Fidès Devries, of the Grand Opera, will be the Principal Prima Donna, and M. Maurice Devries, of the same Opera, and Mdlle. Galli Marie, of the Opera Comique, will also be included in the Company.

Mr. F. H. Cowen will act as Conductor to the Huddersfield Choir, which will undertake a tour next spring in Germany. Mr. Cowen is writing a new Cantata for this tour.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

Prof. Hull's important work on the Geology of Palestine has now appeared. It contains new and striking details about the geological formation of the Dead Sea and of the *Arabah*, or long trough-like depression leading from the Red Sea.

Prof. Bloch, of the Rabbinical School at Buda-Pesth, has issued in the last Report of the School an interesting account of the "Ethical Elements in the Halacha."

The new number of Levy's "Neuhebräischer Wörterbuch," just issued, reaches to ריקן indicating that the end of this monumental work is in sight. The first *Lieferung* appeared twelve years ago.

No subject seems too far-fetched for Jews or Jewesses. Miss A. I. Oppenheim, a member of the Ladies' Conjoint Visiting Committee, has amused her leisure hours by writing a little work entitled "Physiognomy made Easy," which will be issued immediately by Mr. Fowler of Ludgate Circus.

The third fascicule of the Phœnician section of the *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum* has made its appearance. The closeness of the language to Hebrew, the light thrown on early Hebrew customs and habits of thought, all render this production of interest to Jewish scholars.

The October number of the Catholic *Dublin Review* contains an elaborate article in which the "Facilities of Modern Pilgrimage" to Palestine are fully set forth. The writer complains that "much as Englishmen delight in travel, only a small proportion of them ever make their way to the Holy Land, and that proportion includes very few Catholics." The author gives an account of many of the religious houses to be met with *en route*.

A fourth edition of M. Maspero's "Histoire ancienne des peuples de l'Orient" (Paris, Hachette) has just been published. This work (now greatly re-modelled) contains an excellent epitome of ancient oriental history, including that of the Jews. A valuable feature of the work is the very complete index which occupies 50 pages. The third edition appeared in 1878.

Messrs. Campion, of Paris, publish the work by M. de Maulde, entitled "Les Juifs dans les états français du Saint Siège au moyen âge," mentioned last week. The book is intended to illustrate the relations between the Jews and the Papacy.

Under the title of ספר ברקאי a small volume of Hebrew National Songs and Poems has been published at Jerusalem by one Naftali Herz Imber from Zloczow, Poland. The dedication to Mr. Laurence Oliphant is no doubt well meant, but reads quaintly as follows: "To my patron and benefactor the Philanthrop, Sir Laurenz Oliphant this Boock dedicat in Love by the Author."

M. Ledrain, a Hebrew scholar, has just published in Paris, the first volume of a new translation of the Bible in French. It includes the Book of Judges, the two Books of Samuel, and the First Book of Kings. The work is to be complete in nine parts.

The following new publications are announced: In Brünn (Bernhard Epstein), "Limud Hadas" by Bondi; "Geschichtbilder aus der nachtalmudischen Zeit," by Dr. Friedlander (who gives biographies of celebrated Rabbis in the 16th, 17th and first half of the 18th centuries); "Der Barcochbensche Aufstand," by J. H. Schwartz; and "Die Symbolik in Cultus und Dichtung bei den Hebraern," by Dr Deutsch. In Leipsic (Dorping and Franke), "Die Bibel und der Vein," by Dr. Delitzch, and "Das Baranuische Giebelgebirge (mountains mentioned in Psalms lxviii. 16) by Dr. Wetzstein.

The Chief Rabbi of Reggio Emilia (Italy), Signor A. Da Fano, is about to publish a small volume entitled "Pensieri Biblici Illustrati" (Illustrated Bible Thoughts), translated from the English.

In the first half of 1887 will appear a "Vade-mecum del Giovinetto israelita italiano," compiled by Chief Rabbi Flaminio Servi, in Casale Monferrate, Editor of the *Vessillo Israelitico*.

The celebrated Italian writer, Rabbi Elie Benamozegh, of Leghorn, has published "Cinque conferenze sulla Pentecoste."

The Book of Joshua by the Rev John Lloyd, M.A., (Hodder and Stoughton 1886), is distinguished by its reverent spirit and its very elaborate notes on simple grammatical forms. The author also appears to think that the Talmud was written in Latin.

Dr. Ignas Goldziher contributes a short paper to the current volume of the *Revue de l'Histoire des Religions* on "Le Sacrifice de la chevelure chez les Arabes." The article consists in part of a review of Prof. Robertson Smith's "Kinship and Marriage in early Arabia."

Mr. Israel Abrahams will lecture shortly at the Jewish Working Mens' Club on the subject of "Jewish Courtship."

The new Session of the Jews' College Literary Society will be inaugurated on Sunday, November 7th, when a Paper will be read by Dr. A. Neubauer, on "The Influence of Judaism over Ancient, Mediæval and Modern Philosophy, Philo, Ibn Gebirol and Spinoza."

A literary prize of an unusual kind is offered in Moscow. The sum of 50 roubles will be awarded for the best Hebrew poem, which will give expression to the feelings animating those Jews who sympathise with the national movement for the colonisation of Palestine. Competitors are to send in their poems by Rosh Chodesh Shebat.

M. Gustave d'Eichthal's new work, "Mélanges de Critique Biblique" (Hachette Paris, 1886), deals with the text of the first chapters of Genesis, the Book of Deuteronomy, and contains an investigation of the true meaning of the Tetragrammaton.

Signor Arbib, of St. Mary Axe, has been elected Vice-President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce which has this week been established in London.

Mdlle. Jeanette Denekamp has been awarded Honorable Mention (the only diploma) for cleaning, dyeing, and curling ostrich feathers in the Edinburgh International Exhibition.

Through the kindness of Mr. Alfred G. Aaron, there has been presented to the Dalston Synagogue a blue silk velvet, gold embroidered mantle, the workmanship of Messrs. Van Oven Brothers, of the Hague, designed and planned by their London agent, Mr. L. Schaap, 9, Ferntower Road.

German Hospital, Dalston.—During the month of September last, 130 In patients were admitted (of whom 12 were of the Jewish religion), 30 of them being cases of accidents. 4,362 out patients were treated at the Hospital and Dispensaries, 1,768 being new cases.

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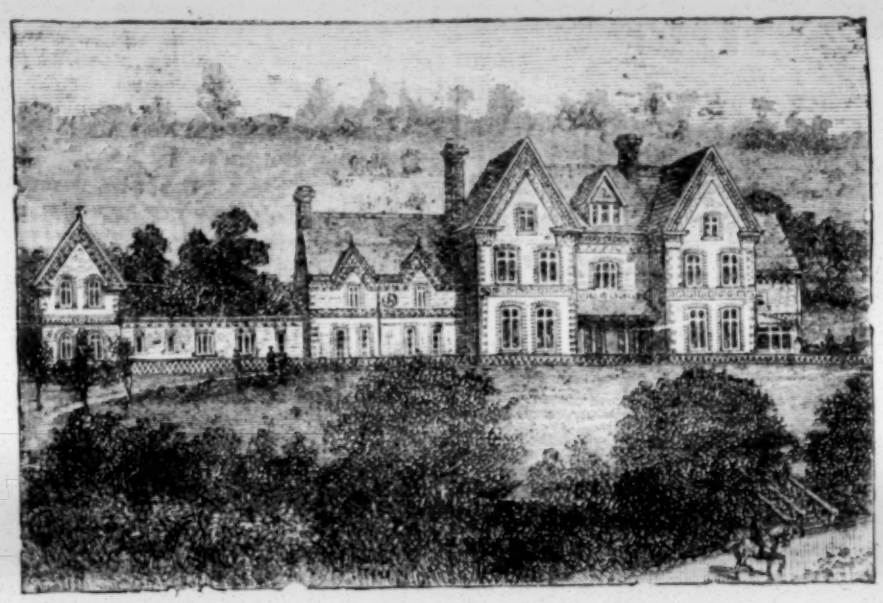

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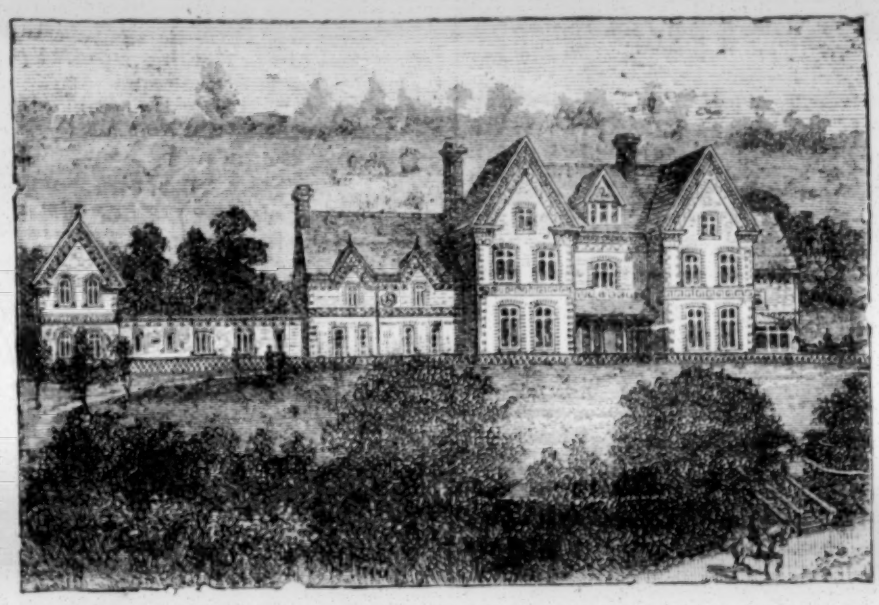

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